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Tender

## **CNO Safe Staffing Fellowship Academic Partner**

NHS England

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### **Scope**

### **Description**

These services are categorised as Education & Training (CPV Code: 80000000 - Education & Training Services) which are subject to the PA23 Light Touch Regime.

NHS England seeks to commission academic partnership services deliver the Chief Nursing Officer's (CNO) Safer Staffing Fellowship programme beyond March 2026. This Masters-level workforce planning, delivery and assurance programme has been instrumental in embedding a sustainable, evidence-based approach to safer staffing across NHS organisations in England. As the existing contract concludes on 31 March 2026, NHS England requires a new academic partner to ensure continuity of this nationally recognised and highly valued Fellowship. The programme supports senior nurses and midwives in leading safe, effective and productive staffing practices, aligned with national policy, strategic workforce planning, and the ambitions of the Long Term Workforce Plan.

Please see link below for further information and the tender documents.

<https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

### **Total value (estimated)**

- £235,000 excluding VAT
- £282,000 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

### **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 3 November 2025 to 31 March 2028
- 2 years, 4 months, 28 days

### **Main procurement category**

Services

### **CPV classifications**

- 80000000 - Education and training services

### **Contract locations**

- UK - United Kingdom

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## **Participation**

### **This procurement is reserved for**

- UK suppliers

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSEs)

## **Conditions of participation**

Completion of all requested tender documents

## **Particular suitability**

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

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## **Submission**

### **Enquiry deadline**

1 October 2025, 12:00pm

### **Tender submission deadline**

10 October 2025, 5:00pm

## **Submission address and any special instructions**

The tender should be submitted through the Atamis procurement portal.

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**Tenders may be submitted electronically**

Yes

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**Award criteria**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Weighting</b>
Technical including social value	Quality	70.00%
Price	Price	30.00%

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**Procedure****Procedure type**

Below threshold - open competition

**Special regime**

Light touch

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**Contracting authority****NHS England**

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PDPT-3135-BWWY

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government